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1. IN SEPTEMBER 9 CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, STELLA SOULIOTI
INDAZOTED THAT THE GOC HAS NOT RECEIVED MESSAGE FROM GOC
EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON RELAYING CONTENT OF SEPTEMBER 2 DISCUSSIONS
BETWEEN ANGELIDES AND LEDSKY(REFTEL A).

2. SOULIOTI AGAIN REITERATED COG OBJECTIONS(REFTEL B) TO USE
OF AID REFUGEE RELIEF FUNDS FOR FINANCING CYPRIOT AUB STUDENTS BUT
WE EXPECT USG WILL RECEIVE FORMAL GOC POSITION ON THIS FROM GOC
EMBASSY WASHINGTON.

3. IN RESPONSE TO SUGGESTION BY EMBOFF, SHE
ALSO EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS OVER PRACTICALITY OF
CONTINUING THE AUB PROGRAM IN BEIRUT DURING THE 1976-77 ACADEMIC
YEAR(REFTEL C), VOICING DOUBTS BOTH ABOUT AUB'S ABILITY TO
PROVIDE SUFFICIENT FACULTY FOR MEANINGFUL ACADEMIC PROGRAM
AND ABOUT CYPRIOT AUB STUDENTS' WILLINGNESS TO AGAIN FACE THE
DANGERS/UNCERTAINTIES OF LIFE IN BEIRUT. SHE DID AGREE, HOWEVER,
THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF RETURN TO AUB SHOULD NOT BE DISMISSED
UNTIL FIRST-HAND KNOWLEDGE OF THE SITUATION THERE IS OBTAINED.
AUB/AID STUDENTS KALISTHENI MICHAEL WHO HAS JUST RETURNED TO CYPRUS
AND PANAYIOTA LIZIDOU WHO IS ATTEMPTING TO RETURN TO CYPRUS(REFTEL
D) APPARENTLY HAVE COMPLETED IN 1975-76 ACADEMIC YEAR IN BEIRUT
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AND MAY BE ABLE TO HELP. THE EMBASSY WILL ATTEMPT CONTACT BOTH

STUDENTS TO ASCERTAIN THE FEASIBILITY OF OTHER CYPRIOT STUDENTS
RETURNING TO AUB FOR THE COMING ACADEMIC YEAR.
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